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In re Application of
DOREEN CHENG

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant herewith respectfully submits a response to the Office
Action mailed JULY 12, 1999.

REMARKS

The independent claims 1, 6, and 9 are rejected under §102(e) referring to the Le Van Suu reference. Independent claim 13 is rejected under §102(e) referring to the Hall reference. Below, these references are briefly discussed, and arguments are given to demonstrate patentability of the pending claims.

U.S. Patent 5,714,933 (LE VAN SUU)

Le Van Suu relates to a system for protection of goods against theft (title).

The system has a control unit, protection modules associated with the goods to be protected, and a fixed communication medium (col.2, lines 2-12).

The protection module has a microcontroller to manage the function of protecting the piece of goods; communication means for communication through the fixed medium and connected to the microcontroller and to the fixed communication medium to enable the transmission of
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